

Application No. 09/557,690
Amendment dated July 27, 2004
Reply to Office Action of April 27, 2004

REMARKS

Pursuant to the above-noted Office Action, claims 1-9 were acknowledged as having been previously allowed. Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) given Tsui in view of Kobayashi. Claims 11-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) given Duhamel in view of Matsubara et al. Pursuant to this response, the applicant has cancelled claims 10-13, without prejudice. This leaves only previously allowed claims 1-9. The applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in suitable condition to support allowance.

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